

## **Work Session Meeting Minutes July 15, 2014**

A work session of the Hulmeville Borough Council was held on the above date at the Borough Hall, 321 Main Street.

**Councilmembers Present:** Thomas Wheeler, President, Dan Mandolesi, Debbie Mahon, Nick Lodise, Mayor Harris and Dale Walton Jr.

**Councilmember's Absent:** Judy Coleman and Raymond Johnson

**Other's in Attendance:** Solicitor Robert DeBias, Secretary Dorothy Omietanski, Police Chief Thomas Walton, Sargent Bob Juno, Officer Carragher and Officer Baran

**Guests in Attendance:** none

**Call to Order:** Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Police Officer Swearing In Ceremony:** Mr. Baran was sworn in by Mayor Harris for Hulmeville Borough Police Department. A Loyalty Oath was signed by Mayor Harris.

### **Solicitor Report:**

- Rental Inspection Ordinance – The council discussed options of moving forward with the ordinance.
- Neshaminy Shore Picnics – Ms. Omietanski contacted Tammy at Berkheimer and was informed that Dawson submitted a report for May. It was received on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and was for the amount of \$100. A copy of the report was requested and is being mailed out. Council agreed that Mr. DeBias should call our contact at Berkheimer to discuss the concerns council has regarding the reporting's from Neshaminy Shore Picnics. Mr. DeBias said he would call this week and report back at next meeting.
- Cable Agreement – Comcast submitted a very lengthy contract. Mr. Mandolesi and Mr. Wheeler will be meeting with Brian Jeter from Comcast on Thursday to review the contract and discuss some of the changes they have made to it. The two biggest issues needed to be addressed is the elimination of free service to William Penn Sub Station due to the fact that it does not reside in Hulmeville Borough, and the wording in the contract that states this contract supersedes any ordinances that the borough has on file. They will also request that a copy of all correspondence be sent to the home of the president of the council.
- Main Street Bridge – Mario was contacted regarding the stone under the bridge and he believes the stone is purposely placed there by the engineers to slow the flow of water down to preserve the bridge structure. He is away right now and will examine it when he returns and will let council know if his assumption is correct. Until then the bridge construction will remain open until the rock issue is resolved.
- Land Development Fees – The meeting to discuss the fees has been rescheduled due to a conflict with the Comcast meeting. Mr. DeBias is recommending council puts together a fee list keeping a copy in the office as well as posted to the website. The list should be kept up to date.
- Bucks County Water and Sewer Agreement – Mr. DeBias has many issues with the agreement BCWS is proposing for the borough to sign. They are requiring that a comprehensive system evaluation be submitted to them. They also have outlined calculations for penalties for violations which do not seem fair. Mr. DeBias has many questions and is going to recommend that Mr. Clark set up a meeting with BCWS to get a better explanation of the terms of the contract.

**Mayor's Report:** Mr. Harris performed 7 weddings from 1/1/14 to 6/30/14. He submitted a summary of ceremonies performed. Mr. Harris is also looking into the life insurance policy for the police through Mass Mutual Life Insurance. There was an issue with trash collection during the storm this past week. PECO had blocked off roads due to a tree down on the road and residence of Hulmeville missed getting their trash collected. Nick contacted Republic and found out that Brian Holt, our contact, no longer was employed at Republic. Our new contact is Dominic Fulginiti. Mr. DeBias suggested that we add a storm clause in our next contract with Republic. During renewal discussion we should ask them what their best practice for this type of situation and make sure it is written in the next contract. Nick informed council that currently the policy is to collect the trash the Saturday after the missed collection day.

**Old Business:**

- Washington Street Barrier – One of the residences requested that if the barrier is fixed could it be moved back so the snow plow could remove the snow better. They also wondered why the barrier was there in the first place. Mr. Walton explained that the barrier is necessary for safety issues. Mr. Walton suggested that instead of replacing what is currently there could we use Jersey barriers instead. The Jersey barriers are only \$25 a piece and we would only need two. They would last longer and be less expensive. Mr. Walton said he would recommend purchasing two barriers and painting them with reflective paint. Mr. Harris volunteers to contact Spencer to see if they would be willing to transport two barriers and remove what is currently there.
- Borough Stone Wall – Mr. Mandolesi received two estimates to do repairs to the stone wall. The least expensive was \$3,700. He is suggesting we put it on next year's budget to complete.

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm; motion made by Mr. Wheeler seconded by Ms. Mahon.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,  
Hulmeville Borough Secretary